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REMARKS

In the present Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 29 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,075,527 to Ikuma taken with U.S. Patent No. 6,018,136 to Ohmi et al. The Examiner also objected to claim 30 for depending from a rejected claim, but indicated that claim 30 would be given favorable consideration if recast in independent form to include all of the limitations of the parent claims. The Examiner also indicated that claims 1-28 are allowable. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for this indication of allowable subject matter.

With respect to the objection to dependent claim 30 for depending from rejected claim 29, Applicants have rewritten claim 30 in independent form, including all of the limitations of parent claim 29, per the Examiner's suggestion. Applicants have canceled rejected claim 29.

Applicants respectfully submit that based on the above-noted amendment of claim 30 and cancellation of claim 29, the application is now in immediate condition for allowance, which action is respectfully solicited.

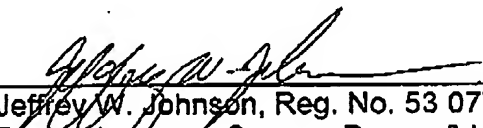
Applicants also respectfully submit that this reply is fully responsive to the above-referenced Office Action.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner has any questions or comments with respect to this reply, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at 616/949-9610.

Respectfully submitted,

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